Sovereign Grace Church

August 6th, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God."

(Revelation 21:3)

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"Education, dedication, and reformation are all things that man endeavors to *do* for himself. Revelation, illumination, and regeneration are all the things that Christ *does* for His elect people. In other words, *"Salvation is of the Lord"* (Jonah 2:9). — "I am often deeply grieved by all the sin and rebellion that I see in this world around me. Yet I am never so grieved by this sin and rebellion than when I see it so clearly in myself."

— David Eddmenson (Madisonville, KY)

Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's *undeserved* grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Angela Church, August 3rd
Troy Church, August 5th

Resources

BE sure to visit our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

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Prepared To Die

"…now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for He hath prepared for them a city."

(Hebrews 11:16)

WHEN my son was about eight years old, he fell onto an object that made a small cut in the middle of his forehead from which blood lightly flowed. I drove him to our residence, a short distance away, for medical attention. I noticed that he was very quiet, not whimpering nor crying as one would expect a young youth to do. I asked him why he was so quiet. He replied that he was preparing to die. I asked him why he thought he was dying. He said the giant Goliath died from a wound in the same spot. I quickly reminded my son that Goliath's wound, unlike his own, was a retributive act of God, and assured him that his own wound was not life-threatening. But I marveled at the calmness that he exhibited when he felt he was approaching death.

My son at the young age of forty-three years was afflicted with an infirmity far worse than a cut in his forehead. Medical professionals told him it would soon end his earthly life.

When I visited my son shortly afterward, I recounted to him the incident I just described to you. He remembered it well, including calmly saying "I am preparing to die." Then he calmly added, "Now I am prepared to die."

He died this past week – still prepared to do so.

Many people are preparing to die. But only faithful believers in the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ are truly prepared to die. Are you?

— Daniel Parks (sermonaudio.com)

Christ According To the Scriptures

"Christ …according to the scriptures"

(Read, 1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

WHEN, by His grace, I know **WHO HE IS**, I better understand who and what I am!

When I know **WHAT HE DID** in obedience and death, I realize what I cannot do!

When I understand **WHY HE MUST SUFFER**, I understand how God can be just and justify me [Romans 4:25]

When I know **WHERE HE IS**, I can rest in the blessed hope that I shall one day be there too!

— Henry Mahan (henrytmahan.com)

Risen With Christ

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." (Colossians 3:1)

THE scriptures teach us of the believers union with Christ their Lord. *"And hath raised us up together," "If ye be risen with Christ"* (Ephesians 2:6, Colossians 3:1). Of course these are just partial quotes. The Bible is clear about our spiritual resurrection with Christ. We were dead in sins, but our God in sovereign mercy quickened us with Christ, and our union is so perfect and complete that, what Christ did we did in Him. Our resurrection with Him is ***Proof*** of our acceptance with Him. We believe God raised Him, and accepted Him, and we are accepted in Him. He *"was delivered for our offences, and* [He] *was raised again for our justification"* (Romans 4:25).

Our resurrection with Him is also, a ***Pattern*** for our lives. *"Being raised with him we are to walk in newness of life"* (Romans 6:4). How can one have the resurrected life of Christ in them and not be a new creature, and not walk and live in newness of life?

Our being raised up together with Him is also the ***Power*** by which we know, and understand our calling. *"The eyes of your understanding being in enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of His calling, and the exceeding greatness of His Power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of His mighty Power, which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead"* (Ephesians 1:18-20). It is the spiritual life we have in Christ that gives us any understanding of our union with Him, of our life with Him, by Him, and because of Him.

It is because of our resurrection with Him, that we have the ***Promise*** of our own resurrection. Because He lives we shall live also; *"we are sown in weakness but shall be raised in power"*.

The resurrection of Christ is the ***Pledge*** of our life hereafter. *"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye mat be also"* (John 14:3). *"Father I WILL that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold my glory"* (John 17:24).

Thank God for our union with Christ our Lord, Thank *Our* Lord Jesus for becoming *one* with us that we might be *one* with Him, thank the blessed Holy Spirit for teaching us these blessed truths.

— Donnie Bell (Crossville, TN)